

"The White House, Washington,
"December 21, 1910.

"My Dear Sir:—The President has received your letter of December 19, enclosing one from Col. J. W. Jones, of the Honolulu Lodge of the Order of Elks, asking him to press a button to open the Elks' Carnival in Honolulu on February 21, 1911. If you will make the necessary arrangements with the telegraph companies, the President will be very glad to do this, provided he is in Washington at that time. Will you be good enough to let me know at what hour you desire to have the President touch the button?"

"Very truly yours,

"CHARLES D. NORTON,
"Secretary to the President.
"AUGUST HERMANN, ESQ.,
"Grand Exalted Ruler, Order of
Elks, Cincinnati, Ohio."

The Elks great carnival to be held on the Alakea wharf on the evenings of February 21 and 22, will be given its start by the hand of the President Taft himself who at the psychological moment will press a button in the White House, in the national capital, which will start an electric spark thousands of miles over telegraph and the Pacific cable and give the signal in Honolulu for the merry-making to begin.

For some weeks this honor has been sought and diligent correspondence has been forwarded from here by the Elks lodge, through the proper authorities at Washington, with the final result that President Taft has promised to ignite the blaze of joyousness for the local Elks.

January 11.—"I will pave all the downtown streets of Honolulu in four months if given the opportunity," said Joseph Gilman, head of the Honolulu Bitulithic Company, yesterday. "If we are given the chance, and have deliveries of rock on time and are not hampered in any way, we can put every one of the business streets in the best of condition.

"Our company has demonstrated that it can put down a good pavement. Fort street—at least the block we put in—has never been in better shape."

January 12.—E. O. White is now president of the Merchants' Association by a solid vote of all the directors present yesterday.

The support of the promotion committee, morally and financially, is urged by that Association.

This is one of the magnificent winter days, with showers of fine lace and sunshine alternating; cool and comfortable.

We are reprinting Mr. Osborne's article, and we count it the best work of his ever-ready pen.

It is an excellent descriptive article for the tourist.

The beauty and the skill of Mr. Wores' work is that the paintings will bear the very closest inspection, like the greater Dutch pictures.

THE FLORAL PARADE.

Everything of vital interest to the community should certainly find expression in the Floral Parade; and, what is of more importance than the colleges and schools? Every association, every church and religious body, every trade and occupation, we believe, could bring its quota of utility and beauty to enlarge and dignify the Parade. It would, in many instances, enlighten the general concourse of people looking on.

The photographers and the picture framers, the jewelers, the carriagemakers and blacksmiths and harnessmakers, the cafes and restaurants, the curio stores, the post office and customs, it seems to us, could all find a place in the line.

With a public botanical garden in Makiki Valley, with a splendid park on Punchbowl, and a fine hotel with roof gardens and observatory near at hand, with extended Rapid Transit accommodations in many directions, even almost to the Pali outlook, what will not be said in praise of Honolulu by the visitor.

Soon will be seen the Elks' Carnival, the Kirmess and the splendid Floral Parade, with its many pa-u riders, its princesses, autos and all the multitude of college and of school, of trade and handicraft. What a splendid and

instructive showing it will all be, and what delight and enthusiasm it will create among all the many nationalities, each and everyone trying to make beautiful the festive day, far more beautiful than ever known before. Surely this is a praiseworthy ambition, worthy of all commendation, to make Honolulu's Floral Parade compare favorably with any similar outcome on the mainland. On all sides is heard the wise desire to that effect, and when so many work in unison there is no such thing as failure.

January 17.—"Yesterday some of those who still have a soft spot in their hearts for the old monarchy, thought of the day and old memories flashed through their minds, but to the general public the day was just as any other."

(We have always been one to wish and to express the same: that the Queen might have suitable recognition for the crown lands—enough to make up in some degree, the loss.)

T. G. Thrum, the historian, notes that the Bulletin in moving to Alakea street is moving to the section of the city where the first newspaper of the city was started. "The old Polynesian office was in Alakea street," said Mr. Thrum yesterday. "The printing office was on the second floor of a building that adjoins the premises where Dr. Anderson's office is located. It was there that Jarvis started the Polynesian."

Hilo, January 16.—A bunch of local Shriners held an informal meeting last Thursday noon for the purpose of getting started with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the great caravan of Shriners which will come here from the Coast and Honolulu next month.

The bunch will arrive in Hilo on the Wilhelmina on the morning of Thursday, February 23. The bulk of the visiting flock will be taken to the Volcano House from the wharf, but no arrangements have as yet been made as to the method of transportation.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

It would be a thoughtless oversight on my part if I should neg-